

August 12, 2021

The Honorable Robert M. Hertzberg
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814
via Jennifer.Lopez@sen.ca.gov


Dear Senator Hertzberg:

Thank you for your letter congratulating me on my confirmation as Chair of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and providing me perspective on the concerns you, and Senators Becker and Wieckowski, have regarding California's climate programs. I appreciate your specific input and am interested in continued discussion on these issues.

As I promised in our initial conversation, on all issues I am committed to an open, ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders and the Legislature. Pertaining to your letter, CARB will update the Scoping Plan, as well as any potential updates to the Cap-and-Trade program and offset protocols, through a robust public process that will provide the public and the Legislature ongoing opportunities to engage with CARB on implementation of our statutory requirements, particularly AB 398 (E. Garcia, Chapter 135, Statutes of 2017). CARB has a demonstrable track record of following Legislative direction, as evidenced by the numerous amendments to the Cap-and-Trade regulation CARB put into effect January 1, 2021 that AB 398 required, as well as responding to changing circumstances with input from the Legislature and stakeholders regarding the Cap-and-Trade Program, as indicated by the seven times CARB amended the regulation since 2011 when it was initially promulgated.

I am personally available to have conversations with you about these and any other issues pertaining to CARB in person, or by phone, text, email, or any other virtual platform as I have continued to engage with individual Senators and Assemblymembers since my confirmation.

Sincerely,


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Chair

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